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Before
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

in the matter

Petition of the
Community broadcasters Association) RM-9260
for Establishment of a "Class A")
Television service)

To: The Commission- Mail Stop 1171

These comments are filed by TV-67, Inc., operator of a low power station. (WOHL LIMA, OHIO)

In its petition the Community Broadcasters Association addresses several key issues related to the successful operation and planning of our low power television station. First, no financial institution is willing to make serious loans to a tv station with a temporary status. This limits the services that we can provide to the community we serve. Even if funds were available through personal guarantees of owners and employees, it makes the investment too risky. This would certainly apply to any future DTV service we would hope to offer our viewers.

Secondly, this petition would provide us the opportunity to increase our power both horizontally and vertically resulting in a stronger signal to the viewers in our grade B contour area.

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Being a low power station and having a much smaller viewership area than our full power neighbors, we concentrate a great deal of our time on local community activities. Most full power stations with major network affiliations don't have that much air

time to devote to community activities. During the last year some of our local community programs included:

- 104 - 30 minute "News Magazine" shows highlighting community service organizations and their activities.
- 104 - 30 minute "Locker Room" shows featuring local high school coaches, athletes and their activities.
- 16 - 30 minute "In-Focus" shows featuring video footage produced by local high school students. (see attached Legislators Newsletter)
- 15 - High school football games including state championship finals.
- 55 - High school basketball games including state championship finals.
- 2 - Allen and Putnam county high school band show competition.
- 6 - Allen, Putnam and Van Wert county political candidate debates in conjunction with the League of Women Voters.
- 8 - Daily weather reports.

In addition, our low power station is involved in many other community activities including a "Learning Connections" telecommunity grant with our area schools. (see attached press release dated November 6, 1997.

Conclusion:

We are a responsible low power television station and believe we have earned the right to a permanent status. Some would say our \$ 750,000.00 plus investment in a tv station with a temporary status is not very smart and they might be right. I do know that

before our low power station was a part of this community these services were not provided. I'm convinced that if we go away, so will these services and programs.

Based on the foregoing, the Commision should support this petition and give us the opportunity to invest in, grow and continue to serve our local community

Respectfully submitted,



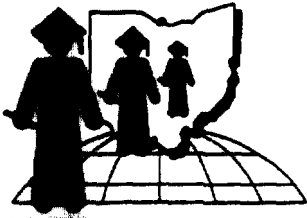
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LEGISLATORS' NEWSLETTER

Ohio Educational Service Center Association

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The Educational Service Center, Technology, and Education

This past year has seen an ever-expanding use of technology within the schools of Ohio. SchoolNet has become a reality, and school districts across the state have completed their technology plans and are having their individual buildings wired. SchoolNet

Plus funds have now been distributed to districts, and they have begun to purchase hardware and software to implement their programs. Additionally, A-sites have provided T-1 phone lines and Internet access to their member districts.

All of these new and innovative educational tools bring excitement and concern to the practitioners within the schools.

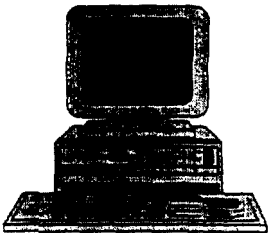
Questions arise concerning where technology training will come from and what will happen when the computers, networks, or peripherals break down. These questions can, and do, pose problems for districts that are in the physical implementation stage of their technology planning.

Educational service centers are the logical and effective answer to the questions posed above.

Staff development in technology and support for the equipment are but two of the many services that are provided to schools across the state by their respective educational service center.

New, cooperative plans have been developed by educational service centers and their member districts to provide staff development, support, design, and technical expertise for the schools and their communities. Technology learning centers and innovative programs, such as distance learning initiatives, are being spearheaded by the staffs of the educational service centers.

Technology will continue to grow in the schools over the next several years. Schools will face the problem of obsolescence and reinvestment. Educational service centers will be there to assist the districts through cooperative purchasing programs and technician services. With continued support of the educational service centers, districts will be able to continue to expand, in a cost-effective manner, the realm of programs that they provide for the children of the state.



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implemented, such as teacher-student collaborative workshops and expansion of current train the trainer models.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Technology

Washington County Educational Service Center has been an active participant in a collaborative partnership with the Washington County Information Technology Group, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which seeks to provide four services to Washington County, Ohio, and the surrounding community:

1. Train community members concerning access to the Internet and educate them regarding the use of the information and computational resources available on the Internet. Area teachers and students will receive special emphasis.
2. Provide cost-based local access to the Internet to members of the community.
3. Provide community content on the Internet.
4. Promote community connectivity to provide an infrastructure to accomplish the preceding objectives.

Grants and a nominal dues structure are funding this initiative.

ALLEN COUNTY

Partnership Provides Real World Technology Application

On behalf of its member schools, the Allen County Educational Service Center has recently entered into a partnership with Lima's Fox 67 television station.

WOHL will air student-produced videos of school and community activities and provide technical support for teachers and students.

Video production classes at Elida Local High School provided the inspiration for this project. These classes, facilitated by Kyle Menchofer, give students the opportunity to create authentic video productions. Students are involved in pre-production planning and decision making, remote and studio shooting, and post-production editing. They write scripts and direct their own mini movies. The students market their skills in the community by filming and editing commercials and producing training tapes for local business and industry.

The 1997-98 school year will see similar production classes in the other Allen County/Lima City high schools. The partnership with Fox 67 WOHL will provide students with real world application of their skills and access to private sector expertise.

PREBLE COUNTY

Building Technology in Preble County

The Preble County ESC began laying the foundation for a stable future in technology in August of 1995 by adding a technology coordinator to the staff. The coordinator went straight to work to initiate a Technology Roundtable Committee consisting of the technology coordinators from each of the five local districts and Eaton City Schools. Among other duties, this collaborative group aided the county technology coordinator in the technology plan process of three districts and the SchoolNet Plus program of all six districts. In May of 1996, the framework for the development of a technology plan

for the educational service center was started.

The framing of the technology plan is being dovetailed with a proposal for state funds to house the educational service center in a multi-agency complex (Preble County Wellness Resource Center). The new facility will allow the educational service center to collaborate with eighteen other agencies to deliver services from one high-tech location (a "one-stop-shop" - if you will).

MID-OHIO REGION

Mid-Ohio ESC Goals — Technology Support

In a goal-setting session, superintendents of Richland County identified five major focus areas. Five superintendents interested in technology and support services that could be provided by Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center volunteered for the Technology Support team and were joined by a T.A.G. consultant and a general education consultant.

During our first meeting, the team developed a grid explaining what services should be provided, why these services should be provided, how they will be provided, who will provide them, and for whom the services are to be provided. Five services were suggested, with the other information sketched in.

In a follow-up meeting, the team decided on two major services to be provided by Mid-Ohio ESC and/or outside personnel for all districts within the Mid-Ohio ESC. Two of the services initially identified became recommendations because they basically dealt with local decisions.

The major services identified by the committee are as follows:

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Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 6, 1997

Don Smith, Superintendent of the Allen County Educational Service Center, is pleased to announce the office is the recipient of a three-year \$249,000 Telecommunity Implementation Grant issued from Ohio SchoolNet, a technological branch of the Ohio Department of Education. This grant is a result of a partnership of The Allen County ESC and Apollo Career Center, Bath Local Schools, Continental Local Schools, Delphos City Schools and St. Johns, Elida Local Schools, Fox 67, Lima City Schools, Marimor School, The Ohio State University-Lima, Perry Local Schools, and Van Wert City Schools.

The grant, titled, *Learning Connections*, will offer approximately \$30,000 for each of eight sites to be used to provide interactive video teleconferencing. Our telecommunity will become a learning laboratory for area students as classroom walls are dissolved through the use of technology. The project will initially focus on high school courses where technology is an integral component of the course. Students from urban, suburban and rural sites will form a production company that complies with standards used in business and industry.

Students will create video productions, which will be aired weekly on commercial television. Two-way interactive video will make it possible for students and teachers from different schools to consult and to work cooperatively on common projects. Students and teachers will also be able to interact with Fox 67 for technical assistance on such topics as video production, scripting, industry standards, marketing, and transmission.

Millie Hughes, curriculum/technology coordinator with the Allen County ESC, is excited to be able to offer this new level of instruction for area students. She announced it yesterday to area superintendents and stated: "This project is naturally structured for engaged learning. A cooperatively produced student video production promotes students interaction, connections among schools, collaboration among teachers and students, involvement of teachers as facilitators and places a greater emphasis on technology as a tool for learning. A two-way interactive video system that links these schools with one another and with private sector expertise will provide a rich source of authentic learning experiences for students."

The first phase of the grant will be student videos collaboratively produced at school sites, and broadcast weekly throughout Allen, Auglaize, Putnam, and Van Wert counties. Initially, nine schools located in Allen, Putnam, and Van Wert counties will be participating in the broadcast with four schools highlighted each week. These productions are targeted to begin in January of 1998.

By April, the goal is to implement two-way interactive video teleconferencing so that students and teachers from different schools can consult and work cooperatively on common projects. These will be linked with the private sector video production expertise.

The last phase of the project will be to establish communication between middle schools, high schools, and OSU-Lima, to support teacher training and to direct resources toward improving student proficiency scores.

Telecommunity grants issued from the Ohio SchoolNet project provide funds for teacher training, curriculum design and development, hardware and line charges. Private schools are granted funds for Internet projects or for two-way interactive projects among a consortium of partners. The grants are wholly funded through a rate agreement among the Department of Education, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and nine telephone companies: Ameritech, Alltel Ohio & Elyria, GTE, Century, Chillicothe, Cincinnati Bell, Orwell, Sprint/United, and Western Reserve. Five grants were awarded this round throughout the state of Ohio.



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NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release
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STUDENT PRODUCED "IN FOCUS" TO AIR ON FOX 67

(Lima, Ohio) WOHL Fox 67 is pleased to announce the first broadcast of In Focus at 12:00pm on Sunday, February 1. In Focus is a half hour program of video vignettes produced by area students detailing their hometowns, school happenings, and other pertinent events.

A grant from Ohio School Net has made approximately \$30,000 available each to Apollo Career Center, Bath High School, Continental High School, Lima City Schools, Delphos City and Delphos St. John's, Elida High School, Perry High School and Van Wert City High. This money will enable the schools to purchase video teleconferencing equipment to be used in learning laboratories, and then produce videos that are in compliance with business and industry standards.

Fox 67 is providing the 12:00-12:30 p.m. time slot on Sundays until May 23, 1998 for the students to showcase their projects. For more information, please contact Jodie Hursh at (419) 224-8867.